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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: George Goicoechea et al. : Art Unit: 3738  
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For: BIFURCATED  
ENDOLUMINAL  
PROSTHESIS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Prior to examining the above-referenced application,  
kindly amend this application as indicated below:

IN THE TITLE

Kindly change the title to ENDOLUMINAL STENT.

ABSTRACT

Please replace the abstract with the new abstract which is  
attached as a separate sheet.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-19, 21, 42, and 50-53 without  
prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof. Also, please  
amend claims 20, 30-32, 34-36, 38-40, and 43, as indicated below,  
and add new claims 54-62.

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